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## Church News

### APRIL COLLECTIONS.

The month of April is set apart in the General Assembly's schedule for collections for Education for the Ministry. Remit to John Stites, Treasurer, Louisville, Ky.

### CHILDREN'S DAY FOR 1909.

The date appointed by the General Assembly for Children's Day this year is May 23. An attractive program with hymns, reading, recitations and mite boxes will be ready by April 15. It will be well for Sunday schools to place their orders at once. All this literature is furnished free, postage prepaid. In making order be careful to give name of your church and Presbytery; and say whether you are near an express office.

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Nashville, Tenn.

Entertainment at the General Assembly: The First Presbyterian church, Savannah, Ga., earnestly requests that the stated clerks of the Presbyteries send in the names and addresses and any other information which will assist in their assignment, such as approximate age, feebleness of health, etc., of principals and alternates just as soon as they are elected. Please do not delay, as it is important that we have them at once. Those desiring full, daily reports of the Assembly and Calvin Celebration can secure the city papers by corresponding directly with them. The afternoon Savannah Press is ten cents per week. The Morning News is fifteen cents per week. Communications should be sent direct to them. Please do not send them to the church or pastor. All correspondence that does not naturally go through the pastor should be addressed to Prof. H. F. Train, 3 Park avenue, west. The committee on entertainment is as follows: H. F. Train, C. S. Wood, T. H. McMillan, D. R. Thomas, G. J. Mills, E. W. Cubbedge, C. F. Henderson, F. C. Debele and C. M. Chandler, Jr.

### CHINA.

Dr. Worth, who has charge of the hospital at Kiang Yin, China, writes: "A much needed addition to the hospital has just been completed—a new building—separated from the main building, containing rooms for contagious cases and for insane patients. Pray for us more and more that the saving of the hospital from the recent fire may be truly the saving of many people, body and soul."

The Fire at the Kiang Yin Hospital: Miss Albaugh says, in telling of the recent fire at the hospital: "Our thanks are due to God for preserving the building from entire destruction. \* \* \* There are several small losses, but the good will that was shown by the Chinese and the splendid way in which they turned out to help, were just beautiful to see and have made us feel quite reconciled to the money loss."

### ALABAMA.

The Woman's Missionary Union met in the Central Presbyterian church, Mobile, Tuesday, March 30. Mrs. Graybill was expected to be present, but found it impossible. Miss Kate Moon, president of the L. M. S. of the Central church, resided. The great importance of home missions was emphasized. We trust that a renewed impetus in this cause will be the result of this meeting, and especially from the fine lecture given by Dr. James B. Webo, our medical missionary in China, now at home on furlough. A most enjoyable reception was tendered Dr. Woods after the lecture.

Government Street Church, Mobile: Nine new members were received into the communion of this church on April 4. Rev. A. R. Carr is pastor.

### ARKANSAS.

Batesville: Rev. Cochran Preston, pastor. A delightful occasion has just been witnessed in the congregation of the Batesville church. On Tuesday evening, April 6, quite a goodly number of members and friends gathered at the manse, and after social conversation, the pastor called in Dr. Long, who announced that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of our senior deacon, Mr. Jay L. Boggs, who has for many years been the faithful and efficient treasurer of the church, and that now, in congratulation to Mr. Boggs, and in token of appreciation, his brother officers present him with a handsome pair of the new Thermas bottles, to keep him supplied with all necessary hot and cold drinks, prepared at home, to be used on his famous fishing trips. Mr. Boggs was taken completely by surprise, and the pleasure of the gathering was much enhanced by his embarrassment.

The annual reports of the Batesville church have just been made by a joint meeting of the session and the deacons, and show a very fine increase in all financial points. The totals make it appear that there has been given the past year an average of more than forty-five dollars per member to the various church causes. To any one who knows the financial ability of this membership, this is a splendid showing. From this good beginning, we take courage, and next year we hope to have not only our own foreign missionary, but also our own representative in the home field.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

Second Church, Washington: The report from this church is very encouraging. The attendance has shown a steady increase at the morning service. The resident membership is the largest in the history of the church, and the growth in grace has been very gratifying. Dr. Wm. R. Laird's ministry of ten days in the fall was most helpful to all. There have been added four on profession of faith and twelve by letter, making the total membership on March 31, 1909, 146, of whom 124 are resident members. Rev. H. W. Pratt is the pastor.

### FLORIDA.

First Church, Pensacola: Rev. Julian S. Sibley, pastor. The report to Presbytery shows the past year to have been the most successful in many ways the church has had during the present pastorate of nearly five years. Sixty-one members have been added to the roll, thirty-two on profession and twenty-nine by letter. Eleven adults were baptized. The total membership is now 537. The contributions amount to \$12,020; of this amount \$6,661 was contributed to systematic beneficence, and \$5,907 was given to home and foreign missions. A mission chapel has been erected, with a flourishing Sunday school. The Ladies' Aid Society has recently put in a solid mahogany pulpit set and a handsome Brussels carpet.

Mikesville: At the conclusion of her school term as teacher, Miss Houston, daughter of Rev. J. L. D. Houston, went to keep house for her father. Two nights after her arrival the members of the congregation unexpectedly came with a pounding. The pastor and his daughter have delightful recollections of this event.

The Springfield Church at Jacksonville was organized by a commission of Suwannee Presbytery on April 7, with eighty-six charter members. Messrs. C. T. Paxton, David Warrington and C. E. Wandell were elected elders, and Messrs. H. H. Simmons, A. S. Harris, C. E. Dorsey and F. C. Miller, deacons. This church seems to have a very bright future, and starts with the good will of the First church resting upon it.

### GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Westminster Church: The sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 4, was preceded by a week of worship in which the pastor, Rev. A. A. Little, was assisted by Rev. Thornton S. Wilson, D. D. The preaching was rich in spiritual truth. The people of God were greatly uplifted and strengthened, and souls converted. On Sunday seven were received into the church, making thirty-seven since the last communion. The reports sent up to the Presbytery show an improvement along all lines; 130 members have been added to the roll, and the contributions to the benevolent causes have increased two hundred and fifty per cent. For all of which we thank God and take courage.

Central Church: On Sunday morning the installation of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school for the year was observed. The pastor, Dr. Ogden, made an interesting and appropriate address upon the "Imitators of God."